

Iowa Workforce Development
Jobs for Veterans Act
Public Law 107-288

Purpose

- Staffing Grant
- Provision of Employment, Training, and Placement Services to Veterans and Certain Spouses of Veterans
- Emphasis on Intensive and Case Management Services
- Ensure Priority of Service to Veterans

Funding

- Ratio of All Veterans Seeking Employment in Iowa vs. All Veterans Seeking Employment in All States
- Extreme Funding Reductions
 - October 2002 \$2.3 million
 - October 2005 \$1.53 Million
- 31 FTE's to 18 FTE's

Locations

- Dubuque (2)
- Spencer (1)
- Fort Dodge (1)
- Waterloo (2)
- Davenport (1)
- Burlington (1)
- Des Moines (3)
- Sioux City (1)
- Council Bluffs (2)
- Creston (1)
- Ottumwa (1)

Disabled Veteran Outreach Representative – 15 staff

- Career Guidance & Skill Assessment
- Case Management and Advocacy
- Job Development
- Job Search Assistance
- Job Referrals
- Outreach to Locate Veterans in Need
 - Job Fairs, Service Organizations, Shelters, etc
- Supportive Service and Training Referrals

Local Veterans Employment Representative – 3 Staff

- Advocacy and Promotion of Veterans
 - Business & Industry, Community Organizations
- Job Development and Job Referrals
- Education and Workshops
- Provide Labor Market Information
- Reporting and Monitoring

Performance Measurements

- Entered Employment Measure
 - All Veterans
 - Goal 58%
 - Actual 70%
 - Disabled Veterans
 - Goal 56%
 - Actual 65%

Performance Measurements

- Employment Retention
 - All Veterans
 - Goal 72%
 - Actual 84%
 - Disabled Veterans
 - Goal 70%
 - Actual 84%

Priority of Service

- Eligible Veterans Given Priority of Service over Non-Veterans for Employment, Training, and Placement Services
- Applicable to 18 DOL Programs

Outreach and Coordination

- Veteran and Community Service Organizations
 - System for mutual referral
 - Quickly connects Veteran with services
- Business Relations
 - Mechanism for job development
 - System for education on Veterans rights

Recent Events

- Hire Veterans First Campaign
 - www.hirevetsfirst.gov
 - Military Skills Translator
 - Resume Writer
 - Job Listings
- Governor's Helmets to Hard Hats Proclamation
 - www.helmetstohardhats.org
 - Link to apprenticeships and jobs in the construction industry